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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 10, Line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In one embodiment of the invention, the reactive group has the formula  $-X-R_1-C(O)-$ , where X is sulfur, oxygen, or nitrogen;  $R_1$  includes a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group;